

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action dated January 11, 2005.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4, 7, 9-10, 38-39, 58, 61 and 63 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to essentially include the limitations of claim 9, and have amended claim 37 to essentially include the limitations of claim 38. Similarly, claim 56 has been amended to essentially include the limitations of claim 58

New Claims 64-67:

New claim 64 is essentially claim 4 rewritten in independent form, while new claim 67 is essentially claim 7 rewritten in independent form.


Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. It is believed that all claims now pending and all new claims fully and patently define the subject invention over the cited art of record and are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael L. Louie at (510) 663-1100.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment directly to the account of the undersigned, No. 50-0388 (Order No. RHE1P004).

Respectfully submitted,
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